

# Watut language

**Watut** is a language complex of Austronesian languages spoken in northern Papua New Guinea. Dialects include Maralinan, Silisili, Unank, Maralangko, and Danggal. It is spoken in Watut Rural LLG of Morobe Province.

## Varieties

Watut varieties and their respective locations are:<sup>[3]</sup>

- **South Watut**
  - *South Watut, dialect 1*: Danggal, Wawas (6.964888°S 146.373114°E), and Kumwats villages
  - *South Watut, dialect 2*: Maraianglro (6.968605°S 146.375509°E) and Dzenemp (6.964491°S 146.375677°E) villages
- **Middle Watut**: Babwaf (6.88249°S 146.399126°E), Mararena (6.882399°S 146.400017°E), and Bentseng (Tshetsie) (6.856273°S 146.355971°E) villages
- **North Watut**: Vruf (6.779356°S 146.387941°E), Mahanadzo (6.746839°S 146.416959°E), Morom (6.772604°S 146.302126°E), and Wampan villages

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Watut	
<b>Native to</b>	Papua New Guinea
<b>Region</b>	Watut River region
<b>Native speakers</b>	(3,200 cited 1988–2012) <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Language family</b>	<div>Austronesian<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Malayo-Polynesian<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Oceanic<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Western Oceanic<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>North New Guinea ?<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ngero–Vitiaz ?<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Huon Gulf<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Markham<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Watut</b></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></div>
Language codes	
<b>ISO 639-3</b>	Variously: <div>una – North Watut</div> <div>mpl – Middle Watut</div> <div>mcy – South Watut</div>
<b>Glottolog</b>	watu1246 ( <a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/watu1246">http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/watu1246</a> ) <sup>[2]</sup>

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